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In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A program product for use by a wireless device in a wireless communications environment, the program product comprising a computer readable medium having embodied therein a computer program for storing data, the computer program comprising:
logic for associating the wireless device with a current access point on ~~one~~ a first channel;
logic for ascertaining, by the wireless device, whether the wireless device should attempt to associate with an alternative access point operating on a second ~~another~~ channel, the ascertaining logic utilizing, at least in-part, signal strengths of transmissions from the current and alternative access points; and
logic for requesting association with the alternative access point ~~operating on another~~ channel if it is ascertained that the wireless device should attempt to associate with said alternative access point.
2. (currently amended) The program product of claim 1 further comprising:
logic for automatically collecting, by the wireless device, information about access points operating on other channels.
3. (currently amended) The program product of claim 2 wherein the logic for ascertaining ascertains that the wireless device should attempt to associate with the alternative ~~another~~ access point operating on said ~~different~~ second channel if the alternative access point on said ~~different~~ second channel is closer than the current access point.

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4. (currently amended) The program product of claim 3 wherein the logic for ascertaining ascertains that the alternative access point on said ~~different~~ second channel is closer than the current access point by:

calculating a first biased distance between the wireless device and the current access point based on "x" samples;

calculating a second biased distance between the wireless device and the alternative access point operating on said ~~another~~ second channel based on "y" samples where "y" is less than "x";
and

ascertaining that the alternative access point operating on said ~~another~~ second channel is closer than the current access point if the second biased distance is less than the first biased distance.

5. (currently amended) The program product of claim 3 wherein the logic for requesting association requests association by sending a message to the access point operating on said ~~another~~ second channel.

6. (new) A program product for use by a wireless device in a wireless communications environment, the program product comprising:

logic operable for associating the wireless device with a first access point on a first channel;

logic operable for determining, by the wireless device, whether a second access point would provide a better data rate than the first access point; and

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logic operable for requesting, by the wireless device, association with the second access point if it is determined that the second access point would provide a greater data rate than the first access point.

7. (new) The program product of claim 6 wherein the second access point operates on the first channel.
8. (new) The program product of claim 6 wherein the second access point operates on a second channel.
9. (new) The program product of claim 6 wherein the determining logic utilizes, at least in-part, signal strength of transmissions from the first and second access points.
10. (new) The program product of claim 6 wherein the determining logic utilizes, at least in-part, an indication of loading advertised by the first and second access points.